



Game Management Unit 15

Hunter Education is required for hunters born after Jan. 1, 1986

Unit 15, Kenai: that portion of the Kenai Peninsula and adjacent islands draining into the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet, and Turnagain Arm from Gore Point to the point where longitude line 150°00' W. crosses the coast line of Chickaloon Bay in Turnagain Arm, including that area lying west of longitude 150°00'W. to the mouth of the Russian River, thence southerly along the Chugach National Forest boundary to the upper end of Upper Russian Lake; and including the drainages into Upper Russian Lake west of the Chugach National Forest boundary;

Unit 15A that portion north of the north bank of the Kenai River and the north shore of Skilak Lake;

Unit 15B that portion south of the north bank of the Kenai River and the north shore of Skilak Lake, and north of the north bank of the Kasilof River, the north shore of Tustumena Lake, Glacier Creek, and Tustumena Glacier;

Unit 15C the remainder of Unit 15.

STATE RESTRICTED AREAS IN UNIT 15

(1) **Skilak Loop Management Area** - bounded by a line beginning at the easternmost junction of the Sterling Highway and the Skilak Loop Road (Mile 58), then due south to the south bank of the Kenai River, then southerly along the south bank of the Kenai River to its confluence with Skilak Lake, then westerly along the north shore of Skilak Lake to Lower Skilak Lake campground, then northerly along the Lower Skilak Lake campground road and the Skilak Loop Road to its westernmost junction with the Sterling Highway (Mile 75.1), then easterly along the Sterling Highway to the point of beginning, **is closed to hunting and trapping except that small game may be taken from October 1 through March 1 by bow and arrow only and moose by permit only.**

(2) **Kenai Controlled Use Area** - Unit 15A north of the Sterling Highway. The area **is closed during moose hunting season to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or moose parts. However, this does not apply after 12:01 a.m. September 11 and does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or moose parts by aircraft to or from a publicly owned airport in the controlled use area.**

(3) **Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area** - Unit 15C the area **is closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle (except an aircraft or boat) for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of moose, from September 11-14, and September 17-20. However, this does not apply to the use of a motorized vehicle on a state or borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oilwell and Brody Roads.**

(4) **Kenai Moose Research Center Closed Area** - that area within the outer boundary fences of the Kenai Moose Research Center, located west and south of Coyote and Vixen Lakes **is closed to all hunting.**

(5) **Russian River Closed Area** - which consists of the area within 150 yards, and including the river, from the outlet of Lower Russian Lake downstream to the Russian River/Kenai River confluence, then continuing downstream 700 yards along the bank of the Kenai River, **is closed to hunting for the months of June and July.**

CRITICAL HABITAT AREAS

(6) **Anchor River/Fritz Creek** - **is restricted to offroad vehicles less than 1,000 pounds dry weight on designated trails only, however off road vehicles less than 1000 pounds dry weight may be used to retrieve downed animals during lawful hunting seasons. The use of snow machines and ORV's is authorized on designated trails and all lands within the Anchor River Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area from Nov. 1 through Mar. 31 when sufficient snow cover or sufficient ground frost is present to prevent damage to vegetation.**

(7) **Fox River Flats** - **is restricted to offroad vehicles less than 1,000 pounds dry weight on designated trails only.**

SPECIES AND BAG LIMITS

	REQUIRED TICKET OR PERMIT TYPE	OPEN SEASON
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BEAR, BLACK • See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.
• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.

Unit 15: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: Two bears per regulatory year

One bear	July 1—Dec. 31
AND one bear	Jan. 1—June 30

BEAR, BROWN/GRIZZLY • See pages 24-27 for additional bear hunting information.
• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide.
• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.

Unit 15: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bear every four regulatory years. Permit RB160 available in person in Homer, Soldotna, Anchorage, or by mail from Homer by calling 235-8191 beginning Oct. 10

Registration	Oct. 15—Oct. 31
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CARIBOU • In bag limit "caribou" means an animal of either sex.

Unit 15B , within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Area: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull may be taken by permit DC608	Drawing	Aug. 10—Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 15		No open season

- **Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. The taking of males is encouraged.**
- **Information on sex identification available with permits.**
- **Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide (see Guide Information, page 11).**

GOAT

Unit 15C , south and west of a line beginning at the mouth of Rocky River, up the Rocky and Windy Rivers, across the Windy River/Jakolof Creek Divide and down Jakolof Creek to its mouth: RESIDENTS: One goat by permit TG364-TG365	Tier II	Aug. 1—Oct. 15
OR permits RG364-RG365 available in person in Soldotna, Homer, Anchorage, and Palmer beginning Oct. 28	Registration	Nov. 1—Nov. 30
NONRESIDENTS:		No open season
Remainder of Unit 15: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One goat by permit DG354-DG363	Drawing	Aug. 10—Oct. 15
OR permits RG354-RG363 available in person in Soldotna, Homer, Anchorage, and Palmer beginning Oct. 28	Registration	Nov. 1—Nov. 30

- **Spike-fork, 50-inch antlers, and brow tines defined on pages 30-31.**
- **In bag limit, "moose" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male moose.**
- **In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.**
- **Calf moose means a moose less than 12 months old.**

MOOSE

Unit 15A , the Skilak Loop Management Area:		No open season
Unit 15A , east of Mystery Creek Road and the Pipeline Road, and north of the Sterling Highway: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, by bow and arrow only ...	Harvest	Aug. 10—Aug. 17
OR one bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side	Harvest	Aug. 20—Sept. 20
OR one bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit DM522	Drawing	Oct. 20—Nov. 20
Remainder of Unit 15A: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, by bow and arrow only ...	Harvest	Aug. 10—Aug. 17
OR one bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side	Harvest	Aug. 20—Sept. 20
Unit 15B , that portion bounded by a line running from the mouth of Shantatalik Creek on Tustumena Lake, northward to the headwaters of the west fork of Funny River; then downstream along the west fork of Funny River to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary; then east along the refuge boundary to its junction with the Kenai River; then eastward along the north side of the Kenai River and Skilak Lake; then south along the western side of Skilak River, Skilak Glacier, and Harding Icefield; then west along the Unit 15B boundary to the mouth of Shantatalik Creek: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit DM530, DM532, DM534, DM536, OR DM538	Drawing	Sept. 1—Sept. 20
OR DM531, DM533, DM535, DM537, DM539	Drawing	Sept. 26—Oct. 15
Remainder of 15B: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, by bow and arrow only	Harvest	Aug. 10—Aug. 17
OR One bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side	Harvest	Aug. 20—Sept. 20
Unit 15C , southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay: RESIDENTS: One bull by permit TM549	Tier II	Sept. 1—Sept. 30
NONRESIDENTS:		No open season

SPECIES AND BAG LIMITS	REQUIRED TICKET OR PERMIT TYPE	OPEN SEASON
Unit 15C , south of the south fork of the Anchor River and northwest of Kachemak Bay: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side	Harvest	Aug. 20—Sept. 20
OR One antlerless moose by permit DM549; the taking of calves or cows accompanied by calves is prohibited	Drawing	Aug. 20—Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 15C: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least on one side	Harvest	Aug. 20—Sept. 20

SHEEP • *Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide (see Guide Information, page 11).*
 • *See definition of full-curl horn and drawings on page 28.*
 • *Horns must accompany meat from the field.*
 • *Ram horns must be sealed within 30 days of kill.*

Unit 15A , east of Fuller Lake trail, south of Dike Creek and a straight line from the source of Dike Creek, east through the divide south of Trout Lake to Juneau Creek, west of Juneau Creek, and north of the Sterling Highway; RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One ram with full-curl horn or larger by permit DS150	Drawing	Aug. 10—Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 15: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One ram with full-curl horn or larger	Harvest	Aug. 10—Sept. 20

WOLF • *Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.*

Unit 15: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: Five wolves total, of which only two may be taken within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge		Aug. 10—Apr. 30
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WOLVERINE • *Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.*

Unit 15: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One wolverine		Sept. 1—Mar. 31
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